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ENFRANCHISEMENT OF WOMEN IN SYNAGOGUE IS SYMPOSIUM SUBJECT

The first Symposium of the 1947-1948 Committee on Adult Education, will be held on Monday evening, November 3rd, in the Vestry of the Synagogue at 8:30 p.m. This meeting will have as its theme, "Shall the Jewish Woman be Religious Enfranchised?"

The Adult Education Committee, through its Symposia, attempts to bring vital issues of the day to the Congregation. The problem of the Jewish woman in Synagogue life is being discussed more frequently. The question of counting women in a *Minyan*; calling them to the *Torah* on special occasions, such as *Simhath Torah*; or electing them to important positions, such as the Board of Trustees, are of vital importance to the Congregation's members.

As has been the custom in the past, the discussion leaders will be members of the Synagogue. The various aspects of the topic will be presented by Mr. I. B. Oseas, Mrs. Frances Piper and Prof. Bertha Gold. The moderator for the evening will be Mr. Harold Levin.

The Symposium Committee of the Adult Education Committee consists of Mrs. W. Wyler and Mrs. W. Karmiol. All members of the Synagogue and their friends are invited to attend this discussion and take part in what promises to be one of the most provocative evenings so far afforded. The Committee also welcomes suggestions for further symposia.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SABBATH EVE

Friday, October 31st, 8:30 p.m.
Dr. Aubrey Eban will speak

Sabbath Morning

Saturday, November 1st, 10:00 a.m.
Bachurim Group at 10:00 a.m.
Junior Congregation Service
at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. A. Eban, Guest Lecturer At Friday Evening Service

Speaking On "After Partition - What?"

Dr. Aubrey Eban, at present head of the Jewish Agency Information Department in London, will be the first speaker in the Adult Education Committee's Friday Evening series for the new season at the services on October 31st. Dr. Eban's talk, to be based on material he has assembled on behind-the-scenes activities at the United Nations, will be followed by an *Oneg Shabbat*.

Form New Youth Group; Meets Saturday Mornings

An innovation in Junior Congregation procedure for the coming year has been announced by Sanford Hahn, its adviser. This is the formation of the *Bachurim* (youth) Group, which will include those boys and girls over 13 years of age. They will meet for discussions of religious matters on Saturday mornings from ten to eleven o'clock. Plans are also being made for them to visit various other synagogues for Sabbath services with Mr. Richard Hoffman, who will assist in the leadership of the group.

The Junior Congregation Services for those under 13 years of age will begin at eleven o'clock. At this time, the members of the *Bachurim* Group will join their elders in the Synagogue Auditorium for the remainder of the service. Miss Muriel Gold will serve as organist for the Junior Congregation during the coming year. The temporary officers of the *Bachurim* Group will be Joan Arnestine and Jonathan Steinberg, Co-Chairmen, and Hannah Salomon, Secretary.

A flashback on the Junior High Holiday Services at the Jewish Museum: Did you know that the curator, Dr. Stephen Kayser, not only decorated the rooms used for the service with appropriate symbols, but also delivered the *Yom Kippur* sermon in which he praised the behavior and earnestness of the young people. He invited them to make the museum a frequent stopping-in-place.

At present Dr. Eban's mission in this country is to negotiate with the various delegations of the United Nations, including the Arabs, to present the Jewish position. In effect Dr. Eban is the liaison officer and Director of Public Relations of the Jewish Agency.

English-born Mr. Eban is a brilliant linguist and scholar, well versed in the Hebrew language. He became a lecturer in Oriental languages after graduating with honors from Cambridge.

During the war he served with the Intelligence Corps of the British Army, attaining the rank of Major. When the British Government established a school in Oriental studies to train British officers, he was appointed to the teaching staff as Assistant Principal. His experiences in the Army awakened in him an interest in the Zionist cause.

Major Lecture Series Speakers

The Adult Education Committee announces that the first major lecture series, "Recent Developments in Jewish Religion", will commence on Monday evening, November 10th. Rabbi Abraham Karp, director of the Metropolitan

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SABBATH EVE

Friday, November 7th, 8:30 p.m.
Rabbi Steinberg will preach

Sabbath Morning

Saturday, November 8th, 10:00 a.m.
Bachurim Group at 10:00 a.m.
Junior Congregation Service
at 11:00 a.m.

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From the Desk of Rabbi Steinberg

THE program for 1947-48, now being inaugurated by our Synagogue Committee on Adult Education, contains one new departure so unusual and bold but also so rich in promise that it calls for special comment and interpretation. I refer to the projected establishment of a chain of home study groups.

This new device does not supplant, it supplements the procedures previously employed.

Thus, the Symposia heretofore conducted by the Committee with such success are to be continued. In the future as in the past, open discussion meetings will be called for free give and take debate among ourselves over current issues of burning moment in Jewish, religious or civic affairs. And as has been our further custom, such meetings will be convoked at short notice so that the timeliness of the theme may not be lost.

In the same fashion, the Committee continues to offer a series of Monday evening popular lecture courses on a variety of topics, by a variety of lecturers, to stimulate every type of interest.

The new and very radical departure is the Home Study Groups. Under this plan, any group of from seven to fifteen couples may organize themselves as a Home Study Unit. The Committee in turn undertakes to furnish, on application from each group, a qualified instructor to meet with the group in the homes of its members, at the time specified by them, for the systematic discussion of any theme of Jewish or religious import which the group may select.

Sisterhood Speaks

The Sisterhood on last Tuesday, October 21st, opened its 1947-1948 series "The Road to Human Dignity" with the first lecture on "Zionism—A Challenge to You" presented by Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld. The speaker is Associate Director of B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation but is slated soon to succeed Dr. A. Sachar as National Director. He is also National Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Unity for Palestine of the Z.O.A. The topic, as he presented it, proved to be very stimulating and provocative to the Sisterhood members and their guests who were present.

It is expected, as indicated by the fine discussion and interest which has started the Sisterhood's 1947-1948 season that the remainder of the lectures will hit a new high in Sisterhood programming.

The Sisterhood wishes to again remind its members and friends of the S.O.S. drive for food and clothing and that the Synagogue has deep hope of collecting these articles.

—EVELYN B. ZUCKERMAN

Any member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, literally *any* member, is free to take the initiative for the organization of a Home Study Unit. And every member, literally *every* member, is herewith urged to act to this purpose.

If then you, the reader of these lines, are a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue, if you have a desire to know more about the Jewish religion, ethics, practices, history, anything at all of Jewish interest, if, in addition, you know of six other couples like minded with you, we invite you to take the initiative in establishing a Home Study Unit. Inform the Committee of your intentions; the Committee will do the rest.

And if you wish to join a group but cannot muster the required quota of other Synagogue members, please inform the Committee of that fact, and it will arrange to include you in one of the groups which are to be assembled among persons in a situation similar to yours.

This entire enterprise, we believe, affords each member of the Synagogue an opportunity not only for self-enrichment but for communal service as well. For as all through Jewish history, so in our

Sub-Committees Chosen For Adult Education

At a recent meeting of the Adult Education Committee the Home Study courses and other plans for the coming year were discussed and numerous sub-committee appointments were made. They are as follows: Friday Night Guest Lecturers—Mrs. Saul Godwin, Mr. Howard Kieval; Symposia—Mrs. W. Wyler and Mrs. W. Karmiol; Monday Evening Courses—Mrs. D. L. Cohen, Mrs. Nelson Miller and Mrs. Harold Starkman; Home Study Courses — Mrs. Milton Grass and Dr. L. Shapiro; Registrars—Mrs. Harold Starkman and Mrs. Rose Blondheim.

Mr. Leonard Cohen will continue in charge of publicity for the Adult Education Committee; Mr. Howard Kieval will serve as BULLETIN representative; and Miss Jo Levy will act as its Corresponding Secretary.

Those present decided that an attempt would be made this year to fix one evening a week, namely Monday, for guest lecturers to be heard at the Synagogue.

day, the very acquisition of Jewish knowledge and understanding by the individual Jew is, of and by itself, a contribution to Jewish group life.

Group life cannot be preserved, let alone regenerated by intelligence alone, but it certainly cannot be redeemed without it. All sorts of forces impinge upon the Jewish individual and the Jewish group, some stimulating and evocative of Jewish creativity, others disruptive and repressing. In the midst of these forces the mind of the individual Jew is not the only factor at work, but it is assuredly one among many, and it may be as it has been so often in the past, the decisive factor.

Only if Jews know their heritage can it have meaning for them. Only if they understand the tangle of problems in which their group and their heritage are involved, can they move purposefully toward solutions. And only out of sympathetic insight both into the past of Israel, and into its present can the Jewish soul and the Jewish community be inspired to hopefulness and idealism as to the Jewish future.

—MILTON STEINBERG

For Your Information

Members and friends of the Congregations are urged to listen to Cantor Puttermann when he sings as featured soloist on the Eternal Light Program now commencing its fourth year on the air. This program is heard every Sunday on WNBC at 12:30 p.m.

In connection with the recently concluded High Holiday Services, our especial thanks are extended to:

Mrs. Edward Peiper who volunteered her services to sing with our choir, and for her beautiful solo on *Yom Kippur* Day.

Mr. Levy of Kingdon Radio who installed and operated the two way public address system which did much to enhance the enjoyment of the services.

The members of the Ushering Committee who gave their time to help maintain decorum in the Auditorium and Vestry.

The liquor used at the reception held in the Vestry in honor of the *Hathan Torah* and *Hathan Bereshith* on *Sinhath Torah* was the gift of two of our new members, Jack Aaron and Charles Berns. The candy given to the children at the evening service was the donation of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hirsch.

We wish to correct in part some of the information appearing in this column in the last issue of the BULLETIN. Dr. E. D. Friedman, who has retired from undergraduate teaching at the N. Y. U. College of Medicine will continue with his duties as Chief of the Neuropsychiatric division at Beth Israel Hospital and as neuropsychiatrist to the Psychiatric Division of Bellevue Hospital. In addition he will still engage in post-graduate teaching at the college and continue his private consulting practice.

Harold H. Levin, Chairman of the Adult Education Committee, has just been re-elected Vice-President of the Metropolitan section of the National Jewish Welfare Board. The election took place at the annual convention and dinner on Sunday, October 19th.

Honor New Students On Simhath Torah

Sinhath Torah was ushered in on Monday evening, October 6th, in the traditional manner, with over 150 children attending. In addition to the regular evening festival prayers, there was the Consecration Service inaugurated in recent years, for the new students in our Religious School.

The Consecration Service was opened with a prayer by Rabbi Kertzer, followed by the chanting of *Atah Harayta*, led by Cantor Puttermann. Then the new students, a list of whom included the following were called up on the pulpit individually:

Abbey Berns, Eleanor Bloom, Barry Blumberg, Edward Curtiss, Joan Diamond, Judith Dolger, Harvey Fein, Bernard Finley, Nancy Fischer, Mark Frankel, Jonathan Freedman, Martin Gelfand, Marilyn Gelfand, Michael Gelfand, George Glassman, Sue Lee Gordon, Rita Goldstein, Sarah Goldstein, Stephen Helpern, Carol Herz, Susan Jacobs, Arlene Joseph, Michele Kaye, Richard Keiser, Geraldine Klein, Jane Kaplan, Merry Lewis, Jackie Mandelbaum, Jonny Ostriker, Yvonne Rich, Gail Rosenkrantz, Stuart Rosenkrantz, Joseph Samsky, Fraya Shapiro, Barbara Schacht, Michael Schacht, Leon Simcoe, Alice Steinberg, Stephen Stowe, Rita Schoenbaum, Ruth Wyler, Roger Waldman, Margot Weiss and Ellen Wimpfheimer.

Children Receive Torahs

The students then received miniature Torahs, after which Rabbi Steinberg pronounced the benediction over them.

This special ceremony completed, the regular service was continued with the taking of the Torahs from the Ark and carrying them around the auditorium. Several processions were needed in order to enable everyone to carry a Torah. All the children present joined, as usual, in the last procession, carrying American or Jewish flags.

Every man present as well as the children had an opportunity of being called up to the reading of the Torah, receiving an *Aliyah*. The last part of the Fifth Book of Moses (Deuteronomy) was read excepting the final paragraph, which

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School Highlights

The school year was officially inaugurated on Sunday, October 5th, with a substantial enrollment in every class. Class I, the six-year old group, showed the most spectacular increase by doubling its enrollment.

Several new departures were to be noted, particularly in the curriculum. Class instruction will be from 9:45 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. The last hour of the Sunday session will be devoted to group work; the students will register for dramatics, music, arts and crafts, current events, public speaking, newspaper work, and other fields of interest. A school newspaper will be published by the students, under the guidance of two teachers, and with the cooperation of Mrs. A. Blau of the School Board.

The following are the instructors for the current year: Miss Hadassah Fain, Miss F. Marlowe, Mrs. M. Arfa, Mrs. R. Kosofsky, Mrs. H. Schulweis, Mr. M. Halpern, Mr. S. Hahn, Mr. D. Hoffman, Mr. E. Schoffman, Mr. A. Gilbert, Dr. L. Shapiro and Mr. L. Schoffer.

In addition to the regular teaching staff Miss Leah Krohn will be full-time music instructor, and Miss Tobin will continue as pianist. The Confirmation Class will be High School I. Post-Confirmants will be divided into Seminar I and Seminar II (the latter formerly High School 3).

Parents Association Plans Open Meeting

The first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Parent's Association of the Religious School was held at the home of its President, Mrs. Henry Howe. Plans for the first open meeting of the season, to be held on November 12th, were announced by Mr. Jacob Bernstein, who is in charge of the program. Dr. Edidin, President of the National Council of Jewish Education and a lecturer of the Seminary will speak on "Jewish Books for Jewish Children". Mrs. I. E. Gevirtz will serve as Chairman of Hospitality of the group.

In celebration of Jewish Book Month, a special book exhibit will be on display under the direction of Mrs. Seymour Wimpfheimer.

Jr. League Will Be Host To YPL Groups

The Junior League will be host at the Synagogue on Sunday evening, November 9th, at 8:15 p.m. to the National and Metropolitan Young People's Leagues of the United Synagogue, of which it is one of the member groups. The first national convention of the YPL since before the war will be in progress at that time. Rabbi Kertzer is to address the assemblage.

Its first open meeting of the current season was planned by the Junior League for Sunday evening, October 26th, in the Vestry. Rabbi Abraham Haselkorn, Director of Youth Activities for the World Zionist Organization had been invited to speak on "What Palestinians Think of the Terrorists". He is, at present, on a visit to the United States from Jerusalem where he maintains his headquarters. This meeting was held to acquaint those interested in joining the Junior League with the present members and the purposes and activities of the group.

Once again all young people, affiliated with the Synagogue, interested in joining are cordially invited, in fact urged, to contact Miss Selma Jerskey, the new Chairman of the Membership Committee, at 302 West 86th Street, New York City 24.

Will You Attend?

October 26th, 8:15 p.m.—Junior League Open Meeting, Rabbi Abraham Haselkorn, guest speaker—Vestry.

October 27th, 8:30 p.m.—Ritual Committee meeting at the home of Rabbi Steinberg.

October 29th, 8:30 p.m.—Young Marrieds "B" meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Mishkin, 17 East 96th St.

November 3rd, 8:30 p.m.—Adult Education Symposium—"Shall The Jewish Woman Be Religiously Enfranchised?"—Vestry.

November 5th, 8:30 p.m.—PTA Executive Meeting at the home of Mrs. Abram Blau, 47 East 88th Street.

November 9th, 8:15 p.m.—Junior League Open Meeting—Young People's League Night—Vestry.

Bar Mitzvah

The Synagogue takes pleasure in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubin on the *Bar Mitzvah* of their son, Robert, on November 1st.

Births

Our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Sandor Mark, on the birth of their son.

Engagements

Congratulations are in order for Marvin J. Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cohen, on his engagement to Joan H. Rosenstock; and best wishes to Ann Rosenthal, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Nathan R. Rosenthal, on her engagement to Dr. Stanley Lee; and to Marilyn Grossman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis G. Grossman to Nathaniel E. Gorfinkle of Mt. Vernon.

Marriages

The Synagogue takes pleasure in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. David Goldman on the marriage of their daughter, Thelma Rita, to Dr. Frank L. Karp, on October 12th; to Dr. and Mrs. Julius D. Davis on the marriage of their daughter, Minette, to Dr. Bernard Brodoff on October 11th.

Anniversaries

The Synagogue extends felicitations to Cantor and Mrs. David Puttermann who will celebrate their twentieth anniversary on November 1st; and to Mr. and Mrs. Goodman Edelstein who will celebrate their thirty-fifth anniversary on November 3rd.

Death

Condolences to Mrs. Leo Rogers on the loss of her father, Abraham Solomon.

Guest Lecturer

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Council of the United Synagogues of America will discuss "What's New in Conservative Judaism" on this date. Lecturers for the next three meetings will be Rabbi Bernard Bamburger, Rabbi William Drazin and Rabbi Ira Eisenstein who will discuss Reform Judaism, Orthodox Judaism and Reconstructionism in that order.

Simhath Torah Honors To Leading Congregants

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was saved for the following morning to be read in honor of the *Hathan Torah*.

Upon leaving, all the children, large and small, received bags of candy. Several mothers, members of the Parents Association, aided in the distribution of the flags and candy.

The Synagogue honored as its *Hathan Torah* (Bridegroom of the Torah) Jacob Friedman, and its *Hathan Bereshith* (Bridegroom of the Beginning) Maurice Ginsburg, at an impressive service on Tuesday morning, October 7th.

Citations Presented

After again carrying the *Torahs* around the Synagogue in several processions, Rabbi Steinberg read the invitation to the *Hathan Torah* to "stand forth" to complete reading of *Torah*, the very last portion. Arthur Ochs, Jr., as the representative of Mr. Friedman, his grandfather, went up to the *Torah* and recited the prescribed blessings. Following this, Rabbi Steinberg presented the beautifully inscribed parchment scroll, containing the citation, to Mrs. Frances Peiper, who accepted it for her father.

Rabbi Kertzer read the invitation to the *Hathan Bereshith* to "stand forth" to begin again the recital of the *Torah*, and presented Mr. Ginsburg with his citation, similarly inscribed on a parchment scroll.

After the service an enjoyable reception was held in the Vestry, for which the caterer is to be complimented on the delicious food served.

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